

Things to See & Do near the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport

Things to do with a Car

1. **Dundrum Shopping Centre:** If you're passionate about shopping or just want to treat yourself to a little bit of retail therapy, head for Dundrum Town Centre and have a feast. Accessible by Car within 30 minutes.
2. **Croke Park GAA Museum:** This is an attraction for all the family. Take a tour of the museum and see where the teams get ready, the VIP section, the pitch side and much more! Tours take 1 hour and take place everyday except on match days.
3. **Glendalough:** While situated in the Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough (Glen of the two lakes) is easily reachable by car. Glendalough is almost 70km from Dublin Airport and a journey by car will take in the region of 75 minutes. The area is ideal for exploration with ample hill walking and lake side trails for the more adventurous among us.
4. **Newgrange:** Located only 40 minutes from Dublin Airport this attraction is highly recommended. It is possibly the finest example of a passage grave in Western Europe and is Ireland's most famous pre-historic site.
5. **Newgrange Farm:** For a family day out, why not combine a visit to Newgrange with a visit to the nearby Newgrange Farm - a great day out for children.
6. **Greyhound Racing:** If you fancy a bit of gambling then head to one of Dublin's Greyhound Race Tracks: Choose from Harold's Cross or Shelbourne Park race courses both located approx 20 minutes drive from the Hotel.

Things to do in the Sunshine

1. **Explore Phoenix Park:** Dublin's Phoenix Park is a treasure, more than 1700 acres of walled parkland just 3km from the centre of the city; it is more than twice as large as New York's Central Park!!
2. **Explore The Coastline:** As Dublin is located on the coast, you're never too far from a beach, so if it's a sunny day, hop on the DART (train) which will take you to the coastal towns and villages of Dublin like Malahide, Howth and Portmarnock to name a few.
3. **Play some Sport:** Tennis, Badminton & Squash Courts are available at the AISAA club located just minutes from the Hotel.

4. **Explore Stephens Green:** An urban park in the midst of the city, St. Stephen's Green is a prime place to picnic, stroll, and people-watch. Located at the top of Grafton Street.
5. **Play a round of Golf** on a selection of Golf Courses within close proximity to the hotel. One being Portmarnock Golf Course, consistently ranked amongst the top golf courses in the world and located only 20 minutes from the hotel
6. Why not try some **Clay Pigeon Shooting** at Courtlough Shooting Grounds located in Balbriggan: They offer shooting tuition for all disciplines within the sport from Novices to Experienced shooters.

Things to do in the Rain

1. Shop till you drop at the **Pavilions Shopping Centre**. Pavilions is north Dublin's premier shopping centre with over 80 great shops, restaurants and cafes as well as the 11 screen Movies @ Swords.
2. Test your skills at bowling at the local **Blowing alley**: This provides a fun evening for all the family. Located only minutes from the hotel at the ALSAA Sports Centre.
3. **'Go carting'**: A spectacular 385 yd. indoor race circuit designed with a variety of bends and long straights, located on the Killeen Road, Dublin 10.
4. Catch the latest film in one of the big screens at either **Omni Shopping Centre** (Santry) or Pavilions Shopping Centre (Swords) both located within 10 minutes from the Hotel.
5. If you **fancy some exercise** - Check out our fitness suite located on the lower ground floor of the Hotel! It's complimentary too so it won't put a hole in your pocket either.
6. Relax and soak up the **Irish Culture** and enjoy a pint in a number of pubs located close to the hotel or simply relax in the hotels 'Kittyhawks Bar and Bistro'
7. Treat yourself to a fabulous spa treatment at **'Pure Escape'** located in nearby Swords Village. (*Carlton Hotel residents are entitled to 10% discount Mon - Fri. Quote Ref PUR2346*)

Things to do with Children

1. **Dublin Zoo:** The kids are sure to love a visit to Dublin Zoo. It's located in Phoenix Park and is home to over 235 species of animal and birds. Kids will be enthralled by all the animals on display. The zoo is located at the edge of the city and can be easily accessed by getting the bus no 10 from O'Connell Street in the city centre.
2. **Viking Splash Tours:** Jump aboard the "Ducks" World War II vehicle and the tour guides (who are dressed as Vikings) will keep you entertained for about 75 minutes. Part of this tour takes place in the water around the newly developed Grand Canal. The tours depart from St. Stephen's Green North.
3. **Sea Safari:** For the ultimate sea adventure, take the family on an exciting sea safari and discover some of Ireland's unique marine sea life, birds and wildlife. The inflatable boat will take you around Dublin Bay and along the coastline on a high speed, action packed adventure. (Suitable for kids aged 8+)
4. **Airfield House & Farm:** Take the family to see a working farm in the city! There are also lots of activities for the kids which are both educational and enjoyable.
5. **Malahide Castle:** This is one of the top attractions in Dublin and makes a fantastic day out for all the family. The girls will absolutely love Tara's Palace and the boys will love the Fry Model Railway.

Things to do without a Car

1. **Purchase a Dublin Pass:** The Dublin Pass offers you free entry to over 30 of Dublin's top visitor attractions, transport from the airport to the city with Aircoach and access to over 25 special offers and discounts in shops, restaurants, leisure pursuits, tours and much more! *Tickets can be purchased at the airport, on line or at any of the cities tourist information centers.
2. If you're a book worm you must visit the Library located in **Trinity College** and be sure to see its chief treasure: The 'Book Of Kells' (An 8th-Century manuscript transcription of the four gospels described as the "most beautiful book in the world)
3. If you enjoy a pint of **Guinness** then a trip to the Guinness Storehouse is a must! Located in the hearth of the famous Guinness Brewery in Dublin and is the top tourist attraction in Ireland. The Guinness Store House is located in St James's Gate in Dublin, and is easily accessible by foot from Dublin City Centre, by bus or by tram.



4. Get a real taste for Irish culture by visiting **Temple Bar** where will find the best selection of restaurants in Dublin; there are also a variety of live music venues, night-clubs and bars to choose from
5. Shop till you drop on Dublin's Famous **Grafton Street**, located on the South Side of Dublin City and is very accessible by bus, car, tram or by foot
6. Discover the fascinating history of **Dublin Castle**: situated just off Dame Street in Dublin City Centre and is easily accessed by bus, foot or taxi.
7. **Kilmainham Jail**: Situated in the suburb of Kilmainham, The Jail was a prison that played a significant role in the History of Ireland. The museum is accessible by bus or taxi from Dublin City Centre
8. Explore Dublin on one of **Dublin's City Bus Tours**: Take a tour of Dublin City, taking in all of the sights and sounds of the City, on one of the many Hop-on, Hop-off tours.